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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Supplemental European Search Report mailed on March 13, 2002 with respect to related European Application No. EP 99 96 7373 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 4,897,831 to NEGI et al., issued on January 30, 1990, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 2, 7-10, 15-18, 22-26, 30-32, 36-38, 40, 41, 43-47, and 49-52 of the European application. Further, his document was also cited as an A-Category document (i.e., technological background) with respect to claims 3, 4, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33-35, 39, 42, and 48 of the European application. Finally, this document was cited as a Y-Category document (i.e.,

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particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category) with respect to claims 5, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33, 39, 42, and 48 of the European application;

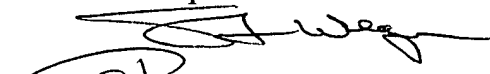
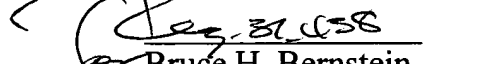
U.S. Patent No. 5,349,635 to SCOTT, issued on September 20, 1994, was cited as an X-Category document with respect to claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17, 18, 25, 26, 31, 32, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, and 47 of the European application; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,682,419 to GRUBE et al., issued on October 28, 1997, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 5, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33, 39, 42, and 48 of the European application.

Applicant notes that these documents were previously cited to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 27, 2000. Therefore, a copy of the above-cited documents are not enclosed herewith. However, a copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is enclosed to complete the record.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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